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GOING TO PIECES.

The collapse of Bulgaria comes at a time when the Germans are too hard pressed in France to offer dictation. Sofia desires peace, and Sofia gets peace—peace established according to the dictates of the Allies. It is possible that von Mackensen will be rushed to Bulgaria, for the purpose of saving the Bulgarians to the Central Powers; but no effort of von Mackensen's can undo the injury that has been visited upon Berlin, or upon the Teutonic cause as a whole. Little Europe is a blasted vision. With Bulgaria out, Turkey is bound to seek peace. Constantinople is cut off from the world. Allenby is working through Palestine, with three Turkish armies in his possession; and it will only be a cat's leap for the Allies through Bulgaria to the Sultan's palace. Under the conditions imposed upon King Ferdinand the forces of democracy have first sights over the railways. This means, in substance, that Bulgaria has repudiated the Hun and elected to cast her lot with the victors, confident of a measure of fair treatment far greater than she could have secured at the hands of Emperor William and his hoolish assassins. It means much more than tremendous moral influence; it means the release of a considerable force and the use of vital facilities; it means a vast store of munitions and supplies.

With Bulgaria down, and Turkey on the brink of dissolution, the Allies can strike Austria at will, without fear of an enemy in the rear. Bulgaria constituted the flank of the Macedonian front, and however much Germany yearned to re-enter the struggle, she could hardly risk it with a powerful neighbor at her back door, awaiting the signal to strike. At all once the situation in the East has become Germany's most oppressive problem. What will Russia do? What will Hungary do? These are questions that baffle in Berlin, and their moral influence cannot be emphasized too strongly.

Moreover, the Allies are making magnificent headway in France. They retain the initiative in every department, and a series of offensives, at first sparse, then mighty, have opened in one mighty battle from Dijon to Beloeil. Von Hindenburg has lost over 200,000 men since July 18, not counting killed and wounded. Each day brings its quota of prisoners; by tale of progress; its assurances of additional victories to come. The Australians are in the outskirts of Cambrai; St. Quentin is finally invested; the G.I.'s are momentarily expected, and the French and Americans are operating a line northwest of Vervins, cutting a wedge between the German armies. There can be but one outcome, and that not long delayed—the evacuation of the whole of Northern France. The Germans cannot afford to waste men; all they can do is to fight back like cornered rats, and pray for winter—winter and winter itself, which gives promise of rest, will bring burdens that are heavier than the burdens of battle; scant food, insufficient clothing, a desperate shortage of fuel and raw materials, time for complete disillusionment and all the train of horror that will inevitably follow the realization of impending defeat. It may come about that the war will end as rapidly as it began.

ed its head; for there is a limit to human endurance, and Germany has about reached that limit. It was all very different while there was a prospect of conquest and extravagant indemnity, but not even the most brazen militarist in all the Kaiser's dominion now has hope of peace at the sword's point, and many of the liberal Germans are beginning to ask themselves this question: If we fight on will we be able to gain better terms than we can gain by surrender now? The duration of the war depends upon the foresight of the German people.

SOME LATE ONES

Modest Man.

Jones—What is Newsway making so grim about?

Smith—Why, the girls' factory tells me old Mr. wife that she would have two husbands and that the second one would be a very fine sort of man.

Jones—Ha, ha! And Newsway thinks that is a sort of reflection on him? I suppose?

Smith—Um, um. He thinks his wife must have been married before and never told him.—Ed. H. Ailes.

Who Can Tell?

"Now," said the professor, "supposing that by some combination of nature, sections of the earth are under water because the land, what would be the most prominent characteristic of the landscape?"

And the summer girl who was trying to suppress a yawn, replied: "German submarine." —Ed. H. Ailes.

Asperatus.

Representative Lazarus went to New York to see a friend off to France.

I want to send over a book for you to read. What shall it be?" The young author thought a moment and then replied:

"I don't much of a reader, but if you want to send something better make it a guide to books." —Los Angeles Times.

Just in Case.

It was a very small country hotel, built of wood and pretty flimsy. But it was all the town had offered and Tom had to stop there. When he was shown his room he said to the owner who was page:

"Tim said they've got a rope here in case of fire. But why a Bible?" "A spiritual sun," said the boy, "in case we die we can go to heaven, said—" Ladies Home Journal.

OTHER VIEWS

The New Day in Africa.

The British Government has had no difficulty in controlling through a Minister of the South African Union, a long report on German brutality in the administration of German Africa. We know too well the character of Prussian officials and bureaucrats to doubt that in the treatment of helpless tribes there would often prevail such who were "modest men."

The Boer War is the greatest blot on the recent colonial record of any nation, and the Germans know it. A great amount of colonial uprisings, colonial strength in German Southwest Africa, German East Africa and Kamerun can be compared to German sources. They have not failed to evoke protests at home. General Leutwein's book on his seven years as governor in German Southwest Africa, Victor's report upon the development and administration of the protectorates, the writings of Paul Trebitsch and Karl Dau, and the Reichenbach debates in which Social Democrats and others have denounced iniquities in the colonies, all yield an abundant information. United Kingdom governments since 1914 have been highly suspicious of the French and British. Some may disagree with this. The French have been highly suspicious in North Africa, though De Brazza concluded his official investigation of the Congo with the remark that the native suffering made him wish the French had never entered it. But the general darkness of the African story can not be disguised. Gibbons spoke of the English as showing the truest humanitarianism. Their latest movement was preceded by an even sharper one of English administration of the Congo, and for years Sir Edward Grey retained his recognition. Belgian's annexation of the portion still remains unrecorded. We should remember the recitation by Englishmen of the inhuman treatment of the natives of Angora, San Thomé and Portuguese Brazil, and Sir Edward Grey's firm insistence on stamping out the Human Anti-Slavery Society, not regarding for the removal of slaves in the West African, but had much to condemn, understand every far in Africa. Even England herself has had African blots upon her conscience.

We all hope that next month or two months, our support for the rights of weak people will be one of the world's tents. We can not afford to fight for ourselves, tolerance and democratic freedom in Europe, but not in the great conflict hitherto given over to greed, so-called exploitation. The nations must see to it that Africa is not a field for the stuffy international or continental as the various colonies and Economic League in particular, and London's Congo in particular, must respect the law of the land, and hold up their heads as an example.

The report is worth careful attention, as a description of conditions whose depicting the world might not be believed, never having been printed in the German or any other language. Too many of the stories matched on the German basis, and others to show that in other countries, where no laws are popular and efficient, Germany. The details of the German atrocities are not yet known, but the German account expressed by the Germans when the last but another chance to get the Hun and make out that only the Hun to blame. 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